

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2003. The Office Action requires Applicants to elect between one of three alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-8, 10-14, and 24); Group II (Claims 9 and 25); and Group III (Claims 15-18, and 21-23). Claim 19 has been indicated as being a linking claim and will be examined with any of the groups of the claims. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-8, 10-14, 19 and 24).

Of course, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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